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Dear Paul and Gary,

Possibly because this aspect has been out of my mind for so long does it hit me hard. Moo missed what I think is the most significant thing in the attached copy of the copy of CE 1903 he sent me, next to the last paragraph and the word "usually", which means often. That is so consistent with perhaps four or five other cases on which you may my memos.

Let me give you the geogrpahy. Canal is the dividing street. In the Quarter area, they all change their names. Decatur on the opposite side is Camp St. Despite the number, 544 is about 3 blocks from Canal. Bringuier and Pena are less than a block on their side. Going away from the River, Chartres is next (and an alley behind that is Exchange Alley, where LHO lived). On the opposite side of Canal, Chartres is Magazine. On the corner of Magazine and Canal is the Cigali Bldg (remember C in NO on the notebook, where I learned that for the 117 in the notebook, 10? is the side door to the Cigali Bldg?). Royal is next (St. Charles on the other side of Canal), then Bourbon, which is Carondelet on that side of Canal. Dauphine follows Bourbon (Baronne). Common is the first parallel /treet on the side of Canal opposite the Quarter. On the corner of Common and Baronne is the Nat. Bank of Commerce Bldg. Common, as it goes away from the river, becomes Tulane. Anyone on the river side of Bourbon going to this bank would go down Carondelet to take advantage of the angle at which Common goes. Hence Hedrick would have walked right past LHO going to the bank. There are consistent reports of O hanging out right at that spot, some of which you may not have seen because Garrison got them, not the FBI. Some place him with Latins(Cubans).

This is too consistent to ignore. You may remember I tried to turn NO on on this in my memos beging after my return in December. When you can, read my Ampolsk memo. There are several others, the names of the interviewees now escaping me, but they are in the literature-distribution file. There also, the consistent indications of regular distributions in that same area until Bringuier does the job for him. All ignored, none pointed out as having the hidden meaning. The agents had to have noticed this, as Liebeler should. Note in my Cerniglia memo that for several days before the LHO bust she got regular complaints about his activity from Cubans. The FBI never asked her anything about this (at least, didn't report it) in that Kefke stuff deBrueys and Steinmeyer wrote about Ricardo (you have the memos, edited out of C in NO).

I believe the Dolly Shoe report is an interview with Abe Bekovar.

There is no explanation of how Hedrick recognized Oswald. I suggest it is from before the assassination. No means of identification indicated at all, especially no picture, and we know how many of those the agents used. Accident? Slipginess? I think not.

Does anything else fit in your mind? I am satisfied these things must be important. Too many of them were improperly reported - but known - and never followed, as they should, quite obviously, have been. And it is not only Shaw in the ITM but Gaudet and that mysterious Freedom for Cuba Committee acknowledged by the new secretary who was in the old ITM.

Fascinating to me!

To orient you further (from memory, a Waterbury's Drug Store where LHO

or a look alike were reported is at ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Magazine and Canal. Andrews office between Dauphine and Burgundy. Hedrick between Royal and Bourbon. The non-existing Canal St Address in the notebook and O in NO is in the next block away from the river from Andrews, on the other side of Canal.

It is all in a tight little area. Hedrick would have walked away from the river to Carondelet to go to the bank.

There was/is so much to be done in NO, and no one who can or will do it.

I find myself wondering that Moore sent me this at this juncture. I got it today, recognized his writing (consistent with JC's thinking), and when I had to speak to Lou about something else, he told me Moo asked him to send it to me.

On a different subject, I have a candidate for thex man who went in the opposite direction in Memphis, to that other car. I also now have his picture. This is all conjecture, but I know that man, know him capable and of that ~~xxxx~~ general disposition, possibly with the right connections. And skilled. And of the same general description. So, if either of you has anything with any kind of description of that man (referred to by Hanes in LOOK), I am anxious to get it. Checking his whereabout out that day may be an impossibility. For me it will be. But, I have shared my suspicion with Lou.

Some time back I asked about a name I thought I had noticed in Gary's January batch from the Archives. That still interests me greatly, more now because of a possible coincidence ~~between~~ between a man of whom I was told by an undependable informant and that of a man just picked up for a murder (S-I 4/8). The name of interest is Mark Holden (approx). If and when you have the time, please let me know, either way, either or both of you. If it is there, it could explain and validate many strange things.

Sincerely,